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cloned embryo, regardless of the purpose for which it is created, is fully capable of developing into a cloned newborn. We have the in vitro fertilization now. And the concern...one of the concerns of mine is, so you go ahead with the therapeutic research here and develop an embryo, and there's...how could you tell a difference if you're implanting a cloned embryo into a uterus versus a...something from in vitro fertilization? Another thing is the therapeutic cloning, like, from again, what I've read, does not only produce stem cells, it also produces human embryos, which are the first stage of human beings. And I don't think anybody disputes that, according to the human embryology textbooks. These embryos are destroyed to harvest their stem cells. Even most scientists who support research cloning acknowledge this fact. So I guess what it boils down to, I don't believe in creating a life to destroy it. And with that, I do support LB 602 and I'd yield the rest of my time to Senator Smith.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Engel and members, Mr. President. We've heard about dividing the issue with reproductive and therapeutic and just ban reproductive cloning, and we've heard about personal experiences needing therapeutic research, and how the subject discussion here is just a cell. And I want to say that we're not talking about a typical cell. We're talking about embryos. And LB 602 seeks to ban embryo farms, the artificial production of embryos for whatever purpose.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: In the continuum of life that we deal with all the time here in this Legislative Chamber, we make decisions. And I remember several years back, when I was observing the Legislature, and Senator LaVon Crosby was criticized on national radio by Rush Limbaugh for a vote that she cast regarding prenatal care for mothers. And it was kind of interesting when Rush Limbaugh ended up apologizing to Senator Crosby on national radio for mischaracterizing her position on abortion. It was actually quite entertaining to observe that. But Senator Crosby